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Paths forward for SJR flows WQS.docx

Hey Tim,

If you have not yet put together the agenda for today's meeting, here are some things I've been thinking about that you may or may not want to add:

1) The Delta Stewardship Council Feb 14-15 meeting agenda has some interesting items on it including a USGS discussion of Habitat Restoration and Independent Science Board's reviews of BDCP and San Joaquin Flows.

2) Can and would we want to use some of the contract funds (\$250K) to help us with SJR flows and BDCP review. Some ideas are:

- Estimate % unimpaired flows at Vernalis from the tributary flows (I'm trying to find someone at the agencies with the skills to do this).
- Evaluate temperature changes in lower San Joaquin River and tribs under % UIF proposed.
- Compare the National Academy of Sciences NRC review of BDCP effects analysis and other documents to the current document to see where true improvements have been made.
- Tom had another idea I can't remember -- sorry. Other ideas?

3) There are two ways forward with our review of SJ Flows: the proposed flows are an approvable WQS that EPA has the responsibility and duty to review and approve or disapprove regardless of whether or not the state has provided to EPA OR it is not an approvable WQS. The comments we prepare will differ depending on which track we take but there is also a lot of overlap. I started to outline these two tracks forward and what they mean for our work load and what we need to support either one. See attached. I think I convinced myself, through writing this, that we would want to make the same points to the State Board in our review regardless of whether we have an approval role or not. Would be good to hear opinions from everyone on this.

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